Science Advisory Committee members were selected based on the following selection criteria:

- Recognized expertise and active research in one of the following fields: wetland ecology, wetland
 restoration, hydrology, marine biology, plant ecology/botany, avian ecology, fish ecology, water quality,
 biogeography, vertebrate or invertebrate zoology, monitoring
- · Contributions to peer-reviewed scientific literature, professional meetings, and conferences in their field
- Leadership positions in professional associations or experience on other advisory committees
- Relevant professional experience and educational background
- Demonstrated ability for collaborative problem solving
- Ability to participate and attend meetings